

The walls of Berkeley hold historic moments

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offering prayers of thanksgiving for their safe passage.

That date, as commanded in the terms of their charter, "shall be yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God."

This "thanksgiving" occurred nearly two years before the Pilgrims' celebration in Massachusetts. The Berkeley Thanksgiving was not one of feast, but rather, one of prayer.

Being somewhat skeptical of this information, I asked Roberta how their celebration came to be replaced by the that of the Pilgrims.

During the spring of 1622, a terrible massacre, led by once friendly Indians, wiped out a number of eastern Virginia settlements, including Berkeley, she said. Those that survived, she said, moved on to other settlements and the Berkeley Thanksgiving was forgotten.

IN 1899, a New York Public Li-

Civil War buffs will be loading their guns June 30 and July 1 at Fort Mackinac, Mackinaw City. The Michigan 17th Infantry Civil War Re-enactment will have the boys in blue encamped outside the fort's ramparts, which overlook the Straits of Mackinac. For more information, call (517) 373-4296.

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Civil War revived on Virginia soil

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rector Ed Merrell decided that such re-enactments were common enough nationwide to consider change.

The Living History weekend will still include mock battles and colorful costumes but it will focus on the day after the battle, a scene seldom recorded.

THE AFTERMATH of Victory. New Market 1864 will show Confederates putting their army back together again after the battle, tend-

ing with its 13 percent casualty rate, sending Union prisoners south to Andersonville, and getting ready for what came next.

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"Dear Pa, I write you a few lines to let you know that I was wounded. I was in the battle here yesterday."

If you would like to see for yourself contact New Market Battlefield Park, Box 1864, New Market, VA 22844.

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Monet in Chicago

A first-time public exhibit of French Impressionist Claude Monet will be displayed at the Art Institute of Chicago May 19 to Aug. 12.

Monet's works of the 1890s on exhibit include "Haystacks" and the "Views of Rouen Cathedral," which are recognized in the art world as among the most important in his career.

The AAA Travel Agency is offering a special weekend, June 15-17, to see "Monet in the '90s: The Series Paintings."

THE PACKAGE includes round-trip airfare through Southwest Airlines and transfers and accommodations at the Westin Hotel in downtown Chicago. The museum visit Friday morning includes a one-hour lecture, ticket to the exhibit and a guided tour. The rest of the weekend is free to explore Chicago.

The Monet weekend is \$252 per person, based on double occupancy.

A video of Monet's work, "Monet: The Legacy of Light," is available at the Birmingham AAA Travel Agency.

For more information, contact the AAA Travel Agency, 275 S. Hunter Blvd., Birmingham, 453-8211.

cludes a hayride and other activities, excluding golf fees.

For more information on the outing, call the YWCA at (313) 961-9220.

Hotel guests tee off

The first annual Mazda Senior Tournament Players Championship golf tournament will be hosted by the City of Dearborn, June 4-10.

To accommodate all golfers and visitors, the Hyatt Regency Dearborn, the Ritz-Carlton Dearborn and the Dearborn Inn are offering discounted tournament packages.

Package prices range from \$125 to \$225 for one night's accommodation. Some packages include two tickets to Tiger Stadium, transportation to the Dearborn Country Club, golf tags and cocktails. Breakfast, use of hotel fitness facilities and entrance to "The World's Largest Golf Ball" dinner dance, are also included in some packages.

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Seniors weekend campout

The Detroit YWCA has planned a senior citizens-only weekend campout May 18-20.

Interested campers must be at least 50 years old to join the group on a trip to Camp Cavell in the Lexington area on the shore of Lake Huron.

Participants can join in group activities or strike out on their own.

Mornings will begin with a beach walk and followed by a buffet style breakfast in the dining hall. After lunch, campers can enjoy shopping sprees and golf or slow down with quiet time. And evenings will be filled with campfires, folk dancing and night hikes.

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